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## Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 7 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2020, down 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 30.6 million eggs during the week ending April 25, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.2 million eggs during the same week, down 7 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2020, down 8 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through April 25, 2020 for the United States were 3.19 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 21.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.2 million chicks, down 13 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	33,838	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619	100
Florida .....	1,194	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069	91
Georgia .....	35,080	35,250	34,232	33,053	33,080	33,211	93
South Carolina....	5,804	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,267	5,238	90
United States .....	239,404	238,316	225,812	219,727	221,680	217,580	93

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Alabama .....	24,923	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671	99
Florida .....	1,326	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293	98
Georgia .....	28,120	26,598	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247	87
South Carolina....	4,475	4,920	5,638	4,031	3,445	4,097	93
United States .....	191,748	190,688	184,909	177,539	178,365	171,991	92

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Alabama .....	33,838	34,043	32,825	30,441	30,821	30,619
Arkansas .....	24,368	23,081	21,487	21,427	22,255	21,180
Delaware .....	5,362	5,465	4,642	3,841	4,477	4,525
Florida .....	1,194	1,177	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,069
Georgia .....	35,080	35,250	34,232	33,053	33,080	33,211
Kentucky .....	7,749	7,497	7,911	7,620	7,214	7,065
Louisiana .....	3,865	3,802	3,167	3,485	3,470	2,971
Maryland .....	8,170	8,198	7,886	8,086	7,838	8,059
Mississippi .....	18,260	18,260	17,350	16,603	16,921	16,877
Missouri .....	8,952	9,003	8,388	8,309	8,368	8,552
North Carolina .....	24,712	24,372	21,816	22,593	22,568	22,432
Oklahoma .....	7,196	7,309	6,605	6,519	6,698	6,911
Pennsylvania .....	6,103	6,325	6,197	6,106	6,094	6,262
South Carolina .....	5,804	5,834	5,647	5,720	5,267	5,238
Texas .....	17,915	18,014	17,473	16,563	17,031	15,167
Virginia .....	6,485	5,672	5,762	5,477	4,889	4,962
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,760	13,180	12,649	12,280	12,237	11,500
Other States .....	11,591	11,834	10,644	10,437	11,289	10,980
United States .....	239,404	238,316	225,812	219,727	221,680	217,580
Percent of previous year .....	104	102	98	94	94	93

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Alabama .....	24,923	25,586	23,735	22,117	23,345	21,671
Arkansas .....	22,029	22,280	21,211	21,224	20,140	19,806
Delaware .....	6,147	4,805	4,330	5,368	5,155	5,481
Florida .....	1,326	1,336	1,306	1,334	1,230	1,293
Georgia .....	28,120	26,598	26,258	27,366	25,207	25,247
Kentucky .....	5,913	5,601	6,482	5,949	5,890	5,964
Louisiana .....	3,234	3,353	3,121	2,575	2,404	2,018
Maryland .....	5,463	6,127	4,458	3,353	5,634	3,824
Mississippi .....	15,182	15,191	14,386	14,179	14,296	14,396
Missouri .....	5,656	6,442	5,596	5,590	5,472	4,806
North Carolina .....	20,901	20,264	20,478	19,387	19,534	16,908
Oklahoma .....	4,093	3,499	4,281	3,327	4,351	4,507
Pennsylvania .....	4,524	4,472	4,452	4,255	4,470	4,442
South Carolina .....	4,475	4,920	5,638	4,031	3,445	4,097
Texas .....	14,089	13,930	14,006	14,007	13,805	13,597
Virginia .....	5,302	5,952	4,964	4,731	4,384	4,705
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,369	11,520	11,425	10,981	10,772	11,068
Other States .....	9,002	8,812	8,782	7,765	8,831	8,161
United States .....	191,748	190,688	184,909	177,539	178,365	171,991
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